

Drainage Board met in their regular meeting place in the Rush County courthouse on January 17, 2012 at 10:40 a.m. with the following present: Marvin L. Cole, Ken Masters, T.H. Barnes, members; Leigh Morning, Board attorney; Marvin L. Rees, Surveyor; Michele Gordon, secretary.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed by motion of Masters, with a 2nd by Barnes.

LUCINDA HARCOURT DRAIN – BIDS

The following bids were received for the partial reconstruction of this drain:

Bowles Construction	\$20,576.25
Pritchett’s Backhoe Service	\$20,630.00
Russell Gettinger Excavating	\$16,900.00
Ramsey Farms Ag Enterprise	\$22,000.00
Paul H Rohe Co Inc	\$27,930.00
Culy Construction	\$23,386.00
R L Coon Excavating	\$26,463.00
Wenning Excavating	\$20,680.00

A motion by Barnes was made based on a recommendation from the Surveyor to take the bids under advisement. Masters gave a 2nd and the motion carried.

GEORGE YOUNG TILE

The Surveyor received a letter from Mr. Robertson requesting another hearing concerning the maintenance of this tile. The Surveyor gave two options. One would be to repair the tile only on the Robertson property or secondly to vacate the tile. The Board recommended the Surveyor contact the landowners and suggest to them that they try to work out the drainage issues among themselves. Barnes then made a motion, with a 2nd by Masters, to take the Surveyor’s two options under advisement. Motion carried.

WM T MOORE TILE

The work is almost completed on this project.

BLOUNT/FLETCHER DRAIN

The contractor has begun work on this project but weather has temporarily put a stop to the progress. The Board suggested the Surveyor contact the Henry County Treasurer and find out whether or not they can take pre-payments from the landowners in the watershed of this drain.

JOHN LAWLESS TILE

The Board suggested the Surveyor contact the Fayette County Treasurer and find out whether or not they can take pre-payments from the landowners in the watershed of this drain. Deborah Adams, County Auditor, said she would call the software company that services both Henry & Fayette County and ask if these two counties should be able to accept pre-payments.

EVA FRAZEE TILE

The deadline has passed for the landowners to turn in their pre-payments if they wish to do so. A loan needs to be taken out for the balance after the pre-payments. Applying for the loan has been put on hold until after a meeting to discuss drainage fund issues.

DRAINAGE FUNDS

The Surveyor is requesting a meeting be held to discuss drainage funds. He would like the Auditor, Treasurer, a member of the Drainage Board and a couple of members from the County Council attend this meeting along with himself and his deputy. He would also like the county attorney to attend and he will contact these people to set a date. A motion was then made by Barnes, with a 2nd by Masters, to send a letter to the members of the County Council asking for one of them to become an ex-officio member of the Drainage Board. Motion passed.

DRAINAGE BOARD MEETINGS

A motion was made by Barnes, with a 2nd by Masters, that for the calendar year 2012 there will be only two Board meetings held per month. There are three months during the year that a third Commissioner’s meeting is being held and there will not be a Drainage Board meeting following those meetings. Motion carried.

Marvin L. Cole

Ken Masters

T.H. Barnes